

THIS WEEK
CAMPUS

Presidential candidates

The four presidential finalists will visit campus within the next few weeks.

John Jasinski, Executive Vice President/Chief Academic and Operating Officer at Northwood University will be on campus Monday the 13 and Tuesday the 14.

Robert Clark, Vice Chancellor and Dean at the University of Kansas will be on campus Thursday the 16 and Friday the 17.

Jasinski and Clark will meet with various groups on campus. Jasinski will meet on Tuesday afternoon and Clark will meet Friday.

They will meet with students at 3 p.m. and then following will be a meeting for staff and community at 4 p.m., both meetings will be in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom.

COMMUNITY

City council issues

The city council will vote on a proposal that would increase Maryville residents' water fees by 10 percent and sewer fees by 15 percent at the city council meeting on Monday.

Also tabled for discussion is a proposal to the city's ice fishing ordinance.

Easter Vacation

Maryville R-II schools will let out early today. There will be no classes Friday or Monday for Easter Vacation.

Library week

Maryville Public Library celebrates National Library week April 12-18, including a weeklong used book sale.

BEARCATS

Thursday
Track/field @ Emporia State
Open Multi-Events

Friday
Baseball double-header vs. UNO 1 p.m.
Softball double-header vs. Fort Hays 2 p.m.
Tennis @ Truman 3:30 p.m.
Track/field @ Emporia State
Open Multi-Events and @ Jim Duncan Invitational

Saturday
Baseball double-header vs. UNO 1 p.m.
Track/field Nebraska Invitational

Monday
Women's golf @ Park Invitational in Parkville, Mo.

Tuesday
Baseball double-header @ Truman 1 p.m.
Women's golf @ Park Invitational in Parkville, Mo.

Wednesday
Softball double-header vs. Nebraska-Kearey
Men's tennis @ Missouri-Kansas City 3 p.m.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Thursday
Boys' golf vs. Benton and Savannah 4 p.m.
Girls' soccer vs. Lafayette 4:30 p.m.
Baseball vs. Cameron 4:30 p.m.

Monday
Baseball vs. East Buchanan 4:30 p.m.
Boys' golf @ Cameron 4 p.m.

Tuesday
Girls' soccer @ Benton
Track- Maryville Invitational in Maryville 4 p.m.
Boys' golf @ Shenandoah Tournament 1:30 p.m.

CORRECTION

In the April 2 edition of the Northwest Missourian, Nancy Barnes was incorrectly identified in the article 'Candidates sound off at forum.'

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

First candidate to visit has Northwest, consulting experience

By Whitney Keyes
Managing Editor

Northwest enters the final stretch of the presidential search next week, with John Jasinski's on-campus visit.

Jasinski is one of the four presidential candidates to replace President Dean Hubbard. The other candidates include Robert Clark of University of Kansas-Edwards campus, Kent Porterfield of St. Louis University and Joseph Shepard of Florida Gulf Coast University.

His visit on Monday and Tuesday will be the first of the four on-campus visits for the candidates.

Jasinski currently serves as the executive vice president/ chief academic and operating officer at Northwood University.

He holds a Ph.D in Educational Leadership/ Higher Education Administration from University of Nebraska – Lincoln, a master's degree in Interpersonal and Public Communication and a bachelor's degree in broadcast and cinematic arts from Central Michigan University.

Prior to his start at Northwood, Jasinski served at Northwood, teaching, chairing the Mass Communication department and serving as associate provost between 1986 and 2001. After his departure from Northwest, he owned and operated his own consulting firm, while living in Maryville with his wife, Denise and their four children.

However, his position at Northwood took him to Midland, Mich., while his family stayed in Maryville.

Though Jasinski lives and

works in Michigan, Northwood extends farther. In addition to the Michigan campus, there are also campuses in Texas and Florida. Northwood also offer satellite centers, adult learning program centers in eight states, six international programs and graduate school.

Northwood University's enrollment is about 6,600 students.

"Basically, I oversee all academic and operating areas for varying operating units," Jasinski said. "I interact with all the execu-

tive leaders with all operating units and help to provide oversight."

He said Northwest and Northwood are very comparable in size, leadership and budget – a benefit, he believes, that will lead to a smooth transition if he is chosen as president.

The administration at Northwood resembles Northwest, Jasinski said – "the same number of individuals, the sort of structure and interaction are similar."

However, while the similarities may make

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STUDENT SENATE | VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE



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SENATORS VOTE ON an amendment to a resolution condemning the actions of some members of the Northwest Board of Regents. Senator Barbosa presented the resolution, which recommends actions for the State of Missouri to take.

‘LOCH’-ED OUT?

Senate recommends board president's removal

By Greg Miller
Missourian Reporter

Northwest Student Senate members are calling for Gov. Jay Nixon to remove Board of Regents President Bill Loch, and evaluate all members of the board.

The senate also released a vote of no confidence against Loch and regents Rachele Brown, Lydia Hurst, Dr. Douglas Wyckoff and Gary Panethiere.

The controversy stems

from a board meeting on March 18, in which several senators claimed their report passed over on the agenda, and was not recognized until a senate member spoke up.

Freshman Senator Joe Barbosa was a co-chair of the committee investigating the regents, and said the resolution is about a lack of procedure.

"The board failed to follow parliamentary procedures, you establish an agenda and then follow it," Barbosa said.

"I know mistakes happen," he said, adding the issue was ignored for over an hour.

"In Parliamentary Procedure ... they had to seek outside help," said Abby Freeman, Student Senate President.

Barbosa also said the manner the city is going about it the right way," Wake said. "They're doing it in small increments because it's inevitable, things are going to go up no matter what it is. And if they try to pile it on all at once you'd really hear an uproar about it. So I don't think that what they're proposing right now is that outlandish."

Two Maryville R-II school board positions were also on the ballot Tuesday. Four candidates filed, with Elaine Wilson winning

the March meeting with a proposition to change the Administration Building's name, and Student Senate Vice President, and committee co-chair, Brooke Beason said senate had support of the students.

"The constituent reports we received

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GENERAL COUNSEL

Lawsuit now questions board's political makeup

By Evan Young
Editor in Chief

The University's attorney and chief of staff will find out today if a new allegation in his lawsuit against the Board of Regents will remain in the case.

In an updated court docket filed Friday, Joe Cornelison now questions whether the board's composition is stacked to favor one political party, which would break state statute.



Joe Cornelison

Per that statute, "not more than four voting members shall belong to any one political party." In the case of Northwest's board, voting regents Rita Hanks, Gary Panethiere, Dr. Douglas Wyckoff and Board President Bill Loch were appointed as Democrats. Regents Rachele Brown, Lydia Hurst, Doug Sutton and Don Schneider are listed as Republicans.

But Cornelison's suit claims there is evidence to suggest Loch and Wyckoff are really Republicans and "falsely certified they were Democrats" when they applied to become regents. If that is the case, according to the claim, "the Board of Regents has no power to act in any matter" – including terminating University employees' contracts.

The lawsuit cites records from the Missouri Ethics Commission that indicate Loch has made campaign contributions to Republicans State Rep. Brad Lager and Congressman Sam Graves. Those records, the document states, also show Wyckoff has made contributions to Lager's campaign.

A search of the Federal Election Commission's contribution records revealed that Loch has contributed – either as an individual or as owner of Loch Sand and Construction Co. – to Graves for Congress five times since 2000. The most recent was a \$500 contribution to that political committee on July 2, 2008.

As for Wyckoff, FEC records show the self-employed dentist from Cameron, Mo. gave \$500 to the American Dental Association Political Action Committee on Oct. 6, 2008. The ADPAC, whose "sole purpose is to elect candidates who understand the importance of dentistry and are committed to the nation's oral health," according to its Web site, also has a history of contributing to Graves for Congress.

Cornelison's claim does not address under which party the two regents are registered to vote.

Neither Loch nor Wyckoff could be reached

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Winners announced for open city council, school board seats

By Kenny Larabee
Community News Editor

Maryville residents voted in two new civic leaders and reelected a third in Tuesday's municipal election.

Shawn Wake won the open city council seat, garnering 33 percent of the vote. Wake — a performance facilities manager at Northwest — begins his term when he's sworn in at next Monday's city council meeting. City council terms last three years.

A Maryville native, Wake said that name recognition and being involved in the community might have played a part in his winning the race. He also spoke to what his election may have meant

to Maryville voters.

"They believe in me, which is a comfort," Wake said. "And they hopefully feel comfortable enough to talk to me about what they want."

Wake will fill the seat vacated by Mike Thompson on the city council. Thompson did not seek reelection after 12 years on the council — four of which were served as mayor. Wake beat out Kirk Larson, who finished second with 23 percent of the vote and James Dropinski, who finished third with 19 percent of the vote.

It won't take long for Wake to get his feet wet. The city council is set to vote on a proposal that would increase Maryville residents' water fees by 10 percent

and sewer fees by 15 percent.

Having followed the issue closely, Wake gave his thoughts on how the city council has approached the proposal.

"I think that the water rate increase is needed and I think that the city is going about it the right way," Wake said. "They're doing it in small increments because it's inevitable, things are going to go up no matter what it is. And if they try to pile it on all at once you'd really hear an uproar about it. So I don't think that what they're proposing right now is that outlandish."

Two Maryville R-II school board positions were also on the ballot Tuesday. Four candidates filed, with Elaine Wilson winning

re-election after a partial term with 35 percent of the vote.

But just 29 votes separated the other three candidates. James Beemer took the second seat with 22 percent of the vote. That was 25 more votes than Nancy Barnes gathered and 29 more than Cleo Samudzi.

Wilson served two years of a three-year term, which she said may have contributed to residents casting their vote for her.

"I think the voters are more comfortable with someone who's been there," Wilson said. "You know what's going on and they just have that confidence in you."

The next school board meeting is Wednesday, April 15.

UP ‘TIL DAWN



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AUCIA COX HELPS Nathan Engle put on his inflatable sumo suite during the Up ‘Til Dawn Finale. The finale included inflatables, the Found Footage Festival and a spa with massages and manicures.

Finale reveals effort’s grand total

By Kiley Swopes
Chief Reporter

As Cathy Barr waited to check in her son, Spencer, into St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, a patient, Amanda, hugged her and said, “Everything will be OK.”
“I always felt like St. Jude’s was a piece of Heaven on Earth,” Barr said. “It was like the Heaven opened up and poured down because there are so many miracles there.”
St. Jude’s, Up ‘Til Dawn will host their third annual finale on April 3 in the Student Recreation Center.
Up ‘Til Dawn is a collegiate program for colleges nationwide to raise awareness and to fund-raise for St. Jude’s, representative for St. Jude’s Kelly Mistler said.

“Not every campus gets to participate in Up ‘Til Dawn due to a selection process,” Campus Activities Director Angel McAdams-Prescott said. “This year, Northwest is proud to present \$58,667.40 to St. Jude’s Hospital.”
All the money raised through Up ‘Til Dawn goes towards the hospital needs and pays for transportation, meals and lodging of the patient and family, Mistler said.
Up ‘Til Dawn consists of many events to help raise money, co-fundraising chair Kalee Shonk said.
“Teams have spent the past year participating in Burger King nights, mailing out letters and donating money to the Colden Pond Plunge,” Shonk said. “This

is their chance to celebrate their hard work.”
This year several inflatable games were at the finale. A comedy show called The Found Footage Festival and volunteers for massages and manicures were also present.
Although all the money raised goes to St. Jude’s, they paid for the inflatables. The Student Activities Council paid for the comedy show, Dominos donated pizza and Aramark donated drinks, entertainment chair Melissa Morkus said.
Prizes were raffled off leading to the announcing at midnight of the amount of money raised.
In the past three years, Northwest has raised over \$190,000 for St. Jude’s, McAdams-Prescott said.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

University starts new partnership with college

By Lisa Houtchens
University News Editor

It isn’t every day that students are accepted into a community college and a four-year university in one day, and have all credits transfer.
That is until now. Northwest and Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa signed an articulation agreement on March 31.
The agreement has two provisions; joint admission and reverse transfer, Assistant Provost Kichoon Yang said.
The joint admission will allow the students to take classes at both institutions, in hopes that students can gain their associate’s degree at SWCC and their bachelor’s degree at Northwest,

Enrollment Management Dean Beverly Schenkel said.
However, the students must meet the regular admissions standards to be fully accepted in the joint admissions.
Reverse transfer offers students in the program to take courses at Northwest that will be applied to their associate’s degree, Yang said.
Students that are accepted into the program and express an interest in attending Northwest will be provided with on-site academic advising throughout their associate’s degree, Schenkel said.
Areas of study that are included in the articulation agreement are agriculture, general education courses and online business management, along

with many other courses.
“We not only have gen ed courses articulated, but we also have courses in the area of agriculture and business as well,” Schenkel said. “And for years we have gained a variety of majors from Southwestern students that have transferred ... so we have a lot of courses articulated.”
Currently there are 50 transfer students from SWCC at Northwest and there have been nearly 20 in the last year.
“We have a long standing relationship with Southwestern Community College,” Schenkel said. “So we are excited to take this next step and communicate to students that we work together for their benefit to make the transfer process easy and seamless.”

ADMINISTRATION

2 administrators prepare to leave along with president

By Whitney Keyes
Managing Editor

As students toss their caps in the air for graduation and President Hubbard packs up his desk to retire, two other administrators will also leave Northwest.
Provost Kichoon Yang announced his resignation over spring break after four years at Northwest. Yang’s last day will be July 1.
Mary Ann Lowary, vice president for university relations will retire after her last day, also on July 1.
Yang will take over as the executive director of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, based in Reston, Va. NCTM is the largest association of math teachers in the world and has more than 100,000 members in North America. Yang’s new position will include leading the headquarters, helping to set curriculum standards for math programs.
“Math education is increasingly important,”

Yang said. “With the pace of science and technology, math plays an essential role.”
As provost, Yang has helped with the Rational Expectation Enrollment Plan, which is guiding the University toward a 20 percent enrollment increase. He also worked on the establishment of the Northwest Kansas City Center and St. Joseph Center.
While he has enjoyed his time at Northwest, Yang said his resignation came at an opportune time, as President Dean Hubbard is also retiring this summer.
“This particular opportunity is a rare opportunity where I can combine my math training and administrative background,” Yang said.
Lowary has served at Northwest for five years and coordinates the public relations staff, which includes Northwest News, marketing and the Web site.
Lowary isn’t quite sure what her retirement plans include, but knows it’s

time.
“It’s been fun, but it’s time to slow down,” she said.
During her time at Northwest, Lowary has helped with the re-design of the Northwest home page, which she said is still an ongoing project.
“It took over two years, but it’s helping to reach prospective students,” Lowary said.
The Web site re-design is not completed though, Lowary said.
In addition to the Web site, Lowary has helped to establish a more youthful way of reaching students – including Facebook and Twitter.
Plans for replacing both Yang and Lowary are in motion, although Hubbard’s retirement doesn’t expedite matters.
Hubbard said he will name an acting provost in the next month or so, but has not yet released the name. He said he also has someone in mind for an acting vice president of university relations, but again, has not named his choice.
Once in office, the new president can decide to either keep the acting employee in place, or find a new one.
“I want to let that individual [Northwest’s new president] make their own choice,” Hubbard said.



Kichoon Yang
Provost



Mary Ann Lowary
Vice President
University Relations

CAMPUS HEALTH

Safety equipment placed at various locations on campus

By Kiley Swopes
Chief Reporter

Emergency devices were placed on campus to help save lives.
Northwest placed automated external devices (AED) in common locations on campus to use in case of emergency.
An AED is a life saving device that is used if a person has a heart attack or stops breathing, University Health and Safety Manager Scott Walk said.
“If someone has a heart attack, the AED will give them a chance for survival,” Walk said. “It could possible save a life.”
The AED is made to keep from harming the victim in distress, Finance Vice President Ray Courter said.

“The device is like the paddles used in emergency rooms,” Courter said. “They have self correcting controls that do not allow harming and provide an electric shock instead of a push that is used in CPR.”
All Campus Safety vehicles have an AED in them, Walk said. On campus, they are located on the first floor of the Administration Building, second floor of the Union, in the fitness center, recreation center and in the lobby of Bearcat Arena.
“One is even located at the Mazingo Outdoor Education Recreation Area,” Walk said. “There are people of various ages out there engaging in strenuous physical activity and the nearest ambulance is about 10 miles away. An AED could save a

life during the wait.”
A committee was formed about two years ago to discuss the possibilities of getting the AED on campus, Courter said. The committee had to consider cost and locations for the devices.
“It took a while to move forward,” Courter said. “But we wanted to serve the public the best we can and the AED helps prepare for anything to happen.”
The devices are in cases hung on the wall and signs are hung up to direct people to the location of them, Courter said.
“This is just one more tool to use while you wait on an ambulance,” Courter said. “These can be used in replace of CPR.”



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Luke steps down as chamber director; applications available next week

By Kenry Larabee
Community News Editor

Lisa Luke, Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, announced last week that she is resigning from the post after six years in the role. Luke couldn't disclose what her plans were for after leaving the chamber as of press time. That announcement will come at a later date, Luke said. She did say however, that the opportunity allows her to work throughout the area and allows for more time at home with her

family. "This position will allow me to work with community leaders throughout the region—that includes Maryville and Nodaway County," Luke said. "Also, I'll still be involved in certain legislative matters." Luke won't immediately leave the post the resignation is effective July 1. After directing the chamber for six years, there's a vested interest in seeing that it continues to do well, she said. "We have built so many good programs and projects here within the chamber that

I want that to succeed," Luke said. "I want the businesses to feel comfortable that this organization will continue to serve their needs. The current board of directors that we have right now, they're a great board to work with and I don't feel that anything will compromise the chamber and its services at all through this." The chamber will begin accepting applications for Luke's vacated position about April 15 said Jim Davis, Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce Board president.

The chamber is sad to see Luke go, but is excited for her and her opportunity, Davis said. Luke's service was a valuable asset in growing the chamber, he added. "Lisa is well known around here and well respected. That's been a very valuable resource to have," Davis said. "I've always appreciated her interest in the community and trying to grow the community and those are qualities that are great to have in any position." Working with the people at the chamber and throughout the

community, as well as being a part of the visionary process are all things Luke said she would miss. There were also many things that she was proud to be a part of during her time as executive director, Luke said. "The county, the city, economic development and the University, really have all pulled together to work on the Campaign for Community Renewal and the Downtown Redevelopment," Luke said and added that those entities pulled together in other areas as well. "We've

really seen the efforts step up for business recruitment and for economic development throughout the county." The board has just gone through a strategic planning process, Luke said, giving her an opportunity to leave at a good time. "I think this is really the perfect time for me to be able to step back," Luke said. "(The board) has the direction that the members want to go and I feel that they're going to have some future successes. "I wish everybody well."

ECONOMY

GM says Volt isn't dead yet, despite panel's bleak report

By Renee Schoof
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON (MCT) — The White House may have sounded a bit bleak on the Chevrolet Volt last week, but both the company and the Obama administration say don't read that as early news of the much-advertised electric car's demise. President Barack Obama's auto task force last week said in an assessment of General Motors' viability that it was a full generation behind Toyota in "green powertrain development" and that "while the Volt holds promise, it is currently projected to be much more expensive than its gasoline-fueled peers and will likely need substantial reductions in manufacturing cost in order to become commercially viable." A White House official who worked on the assessment said Wednesday, however, that the statements had been simply another way of saying what GM has said all along — it will be a challenge to bring the new technology up to scale and make it cost-competitive.

GM will have to make its own decisions about the pace of its advanced technology, said the official, who requested anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly. "You should not expect the task force will say GM should discontinue the Volt," he said. GM spokesman Dave Darovitz said there was nothing new in the government statement on high costs. New technology is always expensive, he said. The company has added money to building the Volt, and it's still the "No. 1 product development program here at GM," he said. "We will make it happen," Darovitz said. "There is no deviation in our focus and intent to bring the car to market in late 2010." Darovitz said the government report made an unfair comparison with Toyota because it was dealing with two different technologies — the Prius gas-electric hybrid and the battery-powered, plug-in electric Volt. Obama last week rejected GM's restructuring plan and gave the automaker until June 1

to explain how it would reshape itself as a healthy company. GM seeks more than \$16 billion in additional taxpayer funds. GM reported in its five-year restructuring plan that it's investing in hybrid and plug-in cars and trucks, including the Volt and two other models that will use its technology. "With a majority of Americans driving their vehicles less than 40 miles per day, the Chevrolet Volt — providing up to 40 miles on a single electrical charge — should be attractive to those seeking to use little if any gasoline," the GM plan said. "The development costs of high-technology vehicles like the Volt are significant, but so are the long-term benefits that come from increased energy efficiency and independence." Darovitz said the company expects state and federal incentives will help boost demand for the Volt, particularly a \$7,500 federal tax credit. The Volt is expected to sell for around \$40,000 because of the high cost of its batteries. The Energy Department has been helping with battery research to bring costs down.

AIR ROCK



CINDY HADDOCK, HAILEY Kenkel, Amanda McGinness, Leah Bostwick and Meidee Scott performed as the Spice Girls during the Air Rock lip sync competition at Maryville High School. The event is a Maryville High School tradition where students dress up as different music groups and lip sync in front of a panel of judges who decide on a winner. A large crowd turned out for the annual event and all proceeds went toward MHS Project Prom and Project Graduation.

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OUR VIEW

Senators should be ready to defend resolution

Student Senate's recent decision to become a player in the University's current legal affairs has us concerned that some of the senators aren't fully aware of how deep into this storm they could get.

The student government passed, 23-3, a resolution Tuesday that places a vote of no confidence on five members of the Board of Regents – the same five named in University Counsel and Chief of Staff Joe

Cornelison's recent contract termination lawsuit – and sends a list of possible actions to the State of Missouri.

Those actions range from the removal of Board President Bill Loch to giving the student regent the privilege to attend closed board meetings and a vote on "pertinent University issues" (the latter two suggestions are currently against Missouri law).

It's more than just a statement of disapproval; it's a cry for

reform. But some of the reasons listed in the resolution to warrant such swift action are highly subjective and emotionally charged, such as the clause that accuses the named regents of failing to "uphold their vision and mission" and the claim that the board "demonstrated disrespect to the students" when it bypassed the senate's report during its March 18 meeting.

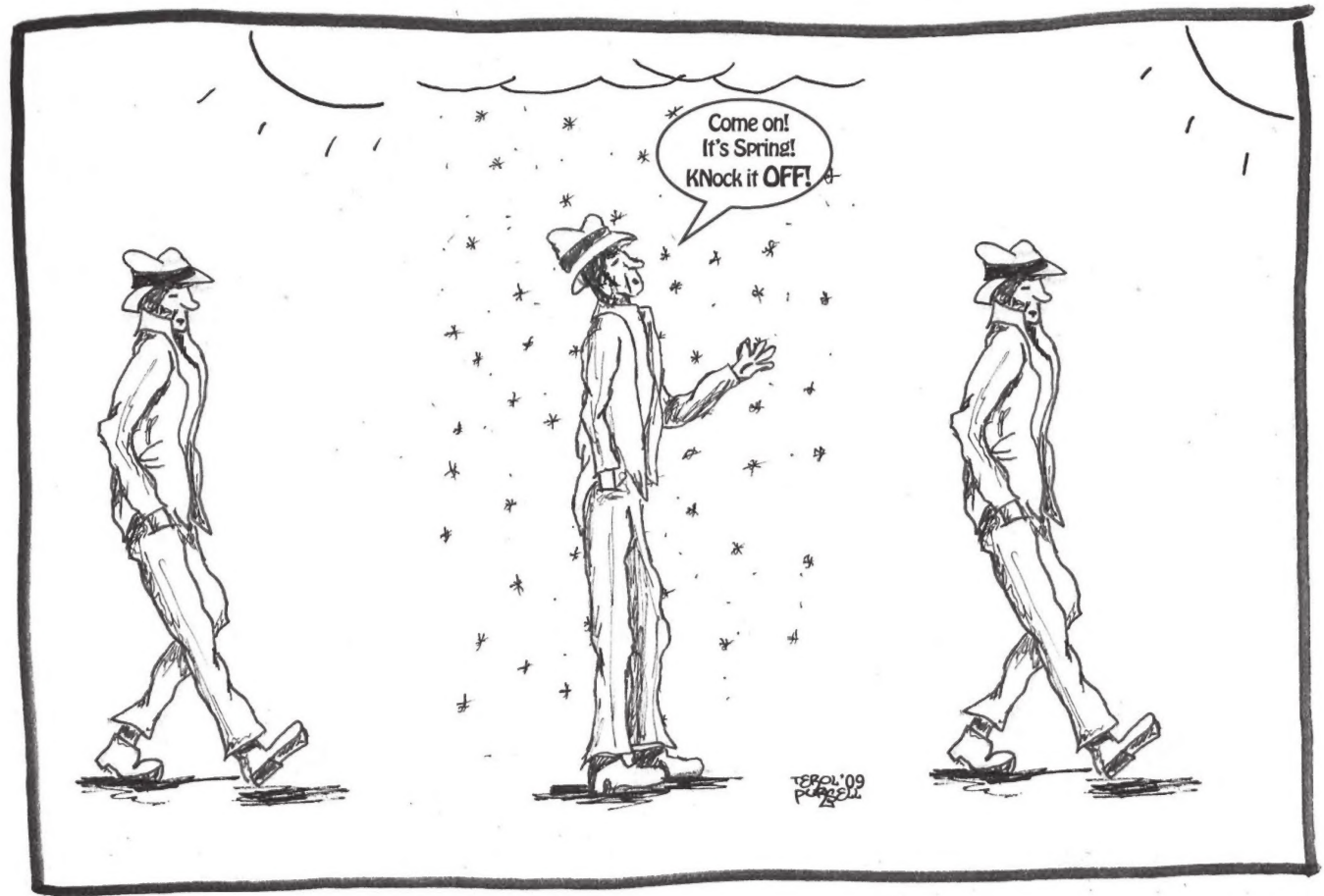
Even those that seemingly stem from facts, such as the

accusation that the regents don't always follow Robert's Rules of Order during meetings and, in general, "lack the knowledge of parliamentary procedures," fail to mention specific examples.

Perhaps most worrisome is the citing of Cornelison's lawsuit in the resolution, including his accusations of Sunshine Law violations and certain regents' questionable political affiliations. The lawsuit is still unresolved, and claiming the board members

committed these offenses before an official court ruling is made could lead to severe repercussions for the senate later.

We do commend students for refusing to turn the other cheek in this matter, and we do recognize that the resolution's recommendations to the state are just that and nothing more. However, now that the group's feelings as a whole are out in the open, it must be prepared to defend itself in the battle it has chosen to join.



MY VIEW

Benefits of higher cigarette tax send opposition up in smoke

Finally, a political move-ment I can stand behind: raising taxes on cigarettes. If there's one vice that could be crowned King of Disgust, it would be smoking.

There is nothing like passing smokers standing outside of a building to completely ruin a great walk around campus. Maybe the tax increase of tobacco products will clear the air, so to speak.

Obama signed a bill soon after taking office that would increase state taxes on tobacco products, despite his own cigarette habit. That piece of legislation took effect last Wednesday. Since then, cigarette taxes have gotten insane enough for neighboring citizens to travel across the border to Missouri just to buy a couple of cartons. Arkansas and Iowa citizens are crossing the Missouri border to stock up on cigarettes. Unfortunately for them, the law requires that they cannot exceed \$100 in Arkansas tobacco tax, which means they cannot legally possess more than eight cartons of cigarettes purchased from Missouri. Missouri charges \$1.70 per carton of cigarettes in state taxes, but

still has the second-lowest state tax on cigarettes in the country.

Iowa is the 19th in the nation for the highest state cigarette excise tax rates at \$1.36 a pack. Before March 2007, the state tax of cigarettes was at a low 36 cents. Because of the increase, citizens from southern Iowa are still traveling to Missouri to buy their cigarettes.

While some feel their habit is being attacked, there are advantages to raising tobacco taxes. Higher taxes on tobacco products account for many positive effects, especially on individual state revenue and the general public. By raising taxes on cigarettes from 39 cents to \$1.01 per pack the state revenue will flourish. This happens, despite significant declines in smoking rates and taxed pack sales, because the increased tax per pack brings in much more new revenue than is lost by the declines in the number of taxed packs. This means even when some citizens quit smoking, the



Darleen Denno
Contributing Columnist

state will still see revenue from the remaining smokers. That revenue could even be higher than before the tax increase. Say there are 100 smokers and 50 decide to quit due to the tax increase; the state would see more revenue than previously because the 50 remaining smokers are paying over twice as much tax per pack. That's a lot of extra money going to the state's revenue.

A reasonable question to ask is "Where is that money going to be used?" According to an Associated Press story, tobacco taxes are soaring to finance a major expansion of health insurance for children. President Obama signed that health initiative soon after taking office.

Along with higher state revenue, increasing taxes on tobacco products encourages smokers to cease their destructive habit. If it costs too much to support their habit, students that smoke may have to think of alternatives to smoking. The typical college-influenced way to

relieve stress besides smoking is, of course, drinking. However, alcohol consumption is still wasting money to, essentially, hurt the body. To save money, students could start to relieve stress in more productive ways: take walks, do yoga, create some type of art. So there are two options for smokers: quit smoking and save money, or keep smoking and lose money from other areas of life to support their habit.

I have barely any sympathy for smokers that complain about the higher tax on tobacco products. The ounce of sympathy that I do possess comes from the usual argument "This is America! I should be able to smoke if I want to without being unfairly taxed!" True, this is America and any one has the right to smoke if they are over the age of 18. However, where it is fair that the cost of staying healthy is more expensive than the cost of burning and damaging your lungs?

Putting a higher tax on tobacco products levels the playing field. What kind of legislation puts a tax on a harmful freedom? A good one.

MY VIEW

Actions will have lasting implications

Very recently, our campus community has dealt with controversial issues made by the governing body of Northwest: the Board of Regents.

For those of you who are unaware, the Board of Regents is composed of nine members who are appointed by the governor of Missouri and approved by the Missouri Senate. Regents roll over yearly, serving terms ranging from three to seven years. The regents claim to hold the Northwest vision in highest regard, which includes the idea that "We (the board) will be a student-centered community of scholars with high expectations."

However, with the decisions recently made by the board, many question whether or not the board has been following our vision. With a general understanding of the board, students can then make an educated opinion on the latest decisions.

Reading the entire vision puts one under the impression that students' concerns, while they may not be put first, are put atop of the board's priorities. However, with the recent disapproval of the proposal to rename the Administration building, students wonder if their proposal was ever actually considered.

Those upset with the no vote received from the board are not troubled with losing the battle, but instead disappointed with the ways in which students were treated. For anyone who attended the meeting on March 18, it appeared as though the regents did not want to hear from the students whatsoever. The Student Senate report (which was placed on the agenda) was skipped altogether and when it was time to address the renaming proposal under unfinished Business, few regents felt it was necessary to address the students while the remaining majority of the regents considered it more prudent to move on. Not only were the students promised a decision at this meeting, but many were in attendance to see what the regents had to say in regards to the issue.

The proposal was eventually discussed, with many of the regents expressing their discontent with the proposal itself, the thought that the idea came from the students, and the uncomfortable feeling (of being "pushed into a corner") forced upon the board by the students. The most disconcerting comment came from Regent Brown, who claimed that this student issue was not worth the time they had given.

With the issue of student representation, the board is also facing problems with their termination of University General Counsel, Joe Cornelison. Many question whether or not the board has authority to do this and question their reasoning for doing so. Both questions have remained unanswered.

I urge all students to become more aware of the regents' actions in order to effectively examine how these actions will affect our University, our community and our future education.



Amanda Petelin
Student Senate Secretary

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

If the members of the Board of Regents who voted to fire Joseph Cornelison have the long-run good of the University in mind, they will resign.

This action has put the Presidential Search Committee in an untenable position. Quality candidates who have applied, will withdraw their application and other quality candidates will not apply because they will not accept a position where the Board has a history of micro-management.

Elwyn K. DeVore, D.B.A
Maryville

Dear Editor (sent originally as letter to Board of Regents):

It is with great consternation that I have received the news of your decision to terminate Joe Cornelison as the university's general counsel and chief of staff.

I am the director of the EducationUSA Advising Center in Panama and as such responsible for promoting U.S. education in Panama. In 2006, when our center held its first U.S. University Recruitment Fair in Panama, Mr. Cornelison was one of the U.S. institutional representatives participating.

This marked the beginning of our joint effort to establish faculty, student, and institutional exchanges between Northwest Missouri State University and public and private institutions in Panama.

Mr. Cornelison is a well-

known figure in governmental, academic, and private sectors in the Republic of Panama – a person known for his integrity, sincerity and commitment to good relations between our two countries. He is highly respected and loved in this country – a fact that opens doors that otherwise would not be opened to a foreigner.

Thus, in the very short period comprised between 2006 – 2009 significant agreements have been signed by Panamanian institutions with Northwest – and an even more significant number are in process.

During the 2008 Summit on Higher Education and Economic Development, secretaries Spelling and Rice stressed the importance of international education initiatives for those states wish-

ing to support and enhance their economic development. In my opinion, no one in Missouri has been doing more than Joe Cornelison to encourage this essential aspect of development. Perhaps his commitment is due to the very special experience he has had in directing, for the U.S., the historic transfer of the Panama Canal to a small nation now endeavoring to grow out of its own underdevelopment.

I would like to close by urging you to reconsider your decision to terminate Mr. Cornelison's termination. For us losing Joe's leadership at Northwest would be a significant blow to an incipient relationship that has filled many in Panama with hopes for the future.

Dr. Etilvia Arjona

PRESIDENTS: Jasinski wants students, faculty to grow

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things easier for Jasinski if chosen, he's not one to repel different ideas. His years in consulting, he said, opened his ideas to different leadership styles and methods.

His firm, Jasinski Consulting Services, worked with a variety of organizations, including, but not limited to businesses, health care, K-12 schools, two-year colleges and four-year public and private colleges.

"I provided consulting and training cutting across leadership issues and assessed organizational health and provided advice on how to approach the future," Jasinski said.

His approach was a holistic one, covering all areas of the operating unit, he said.

He believes his time in consulting greatly benefited his administration skills and style.

"It helped me tremendously on a personal leadership level ... how to think through organizational health, how to prepare for the future," he said.

Working with all aspects of many different organizations helped to learn how to approach a wide variety of issues, he said. While sectors of organizations claim to be different, some of the same leadership styles can be applied to almost all of them – whether

it be academics, admissions, human resources or advancement.

His consulting firm also gave him an insider's look on the job market.

"It allowed me to understand current and future employment needs," he said.

While many graduates, or soon-to-be graduates might worry about the current economic climate, Jasinski feels this is a crucial and interesting time, a time for the University to help its students and for students to stand out to employers.

"I view this whole time period as exciting," he said. "I think this time period can be limited if treated that way, or positive if treated that way."

Jasinski's goal as an administrator is to try and prepare students to be marketable, lifelong learners.

This hits especially close to home for him this year, as his son Matt prepares to graduate in May from Drake University.

"The opportunities are just endless," he said.

Another experience Jasinski sees as a benefit is his training with the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Jasinski has served several different positions for the award's organization.

The Baldrige award is given by the president to different

organizations, including higher education institutions, as a sign of excellence in different areas of operation.

"The Baldrige offers so many wonderful opportunities for organizations to understand who they are and what they're doing," Jasinski said. "It's learning from organization to organization, from one another about what's working in your organization."

Northwest has frequently applied for the award since it created an education category; though it has never won, officials use judges' feedback to better the institution.

Jasinski feels that while this feedback is crucial, Northwest has room for improvements in regards to its take on the award.

"I suspect that my approach to the use of the Baldrige award may be different that what Northwest has been exposed to in the past," he said.

Another area in which Northwest is excelling is technology, Jasinski said. Having been a faculty member and actually teaching classes gives him the understanding of what teachers and students both need, he said. In fact, Jasinski was a faculty member at Northwest at the birth of the electronic campus.

"It's crucial that higher education remain at the forefront of technology for stu-

dents' needs and to prepare them for the workplace," he said. "It's not just technology for technology's sake, but how to get faculty to use it in an appropriate and effective way. Is it technology that makes sense?"

Jasinski also served on Maryville City Council from 2001-2007, an experience, he said, that helps him understand the unique relationship between Northwest and Maryville.

He believes the role between the University and the city can be enhanced and that there are numerous opportunities for the school and city to work with each other.

"There's always room for improvement and engagement," he said. "We're all trying to provide an improved quality of life. It's how we connect with elected officials, the farming community, the health community ... we should all be in close conversations."

And while he knows Northwest is facing personnel changes, he looks at that as just another opportunity. It's a chance, he said, to build a team that serves the students. Higher education institutes provide the time for student, faculty and staff to learn and prepare for the next step in their life.

"If you're doing things right, you're growing people," he said.

COUNSEL: Lawyer's hearing rescheduled

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for comment at the time of publication.

Circuit Judge Roger Prokes will hear a motion from the defendants to dismiss this latest accusation at 1:30 p.m. today at the Nodaway County Courthouse in Maryville. In addition, the preliminary injunction hearing scheduled for Saturday was rescheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 22 at the courthouse.

In related board news, the regents Monday struck down a recommendation from Northwest President Dean Hubbard during a teleconference meeting to postpone the presidential search until Cornelison's lawsuit is resolved. In an e-mail to the

board on Sunday, Hubbard outlined his fear of the search and the lawsuit crossing paths, in light of Cornelison's new allegation.

"The specter has been raised that the Board of Regents is illegally constituted and therefore lacking the standing necessary to make decisions," Hubbard wrote. "Should this argument prevail ... the selection of any candidate could be challenged in court and potentially set aside. Such an action would do great harm to the person selected ... who will have resigned his current position, moved his family, etc.

"Second, such an outcome would be very detrimental to the operations and image of the University itself."

OBITUARY

Helen Marie Riley Phillippe

Helen Marie Riley Phillippe, 92 of Savannah, Mo. died April 5, 2009, at Carriage Square Health Care Center in Saint Joseph, Mo.

She was born on May 24, 1916 in Mound City, Mo. to Roy and Rosetta Combs Travis.

Phillippe was a graduate of Mound City High School and had been a former employee of Dr. Eugene Brown as a dental assistant.

She was first married to Floyd Riley, who passed away in 1976. She later married Donald Phillippe, who died in 1993.

She was a member of the Savannah First Christian Church, Senior Citizen's Center, La Verna Guild, Shady Lawn Auxiliary, ABCD Board and Gray Lady American Red Cross.

She was also predeceased by one brother and four sisters.

Surviving are her daughter, Rose Ann (Franklin) Adams of

Saint Joseph, Mo.; three grandchildren: Randy Adams, Saint Joseph, Mo., Rhonda (Gary) Allee, Maryville, Mo. and Joan Adams, Saint Joseph, Mo.; five great-grandchildren: Rachel Allee, Amanda Adams (Ryan) Smiley, Danielle Farr, Lindsey Allee and Nicole Farr; two sisters: Ruth Littler, Saint Joseph, Mo., Vera Duncan (Ralph), Loveland, Colo.; brother Dean (Sue) Travis, Scottsdale, Ariz., brother-in-law Joe Tapp, Carson City, Nev.; sister-in-law Dorothy Travis, Mound City, Mo.; three step-children: Donna (Bob) Silvey, Saint Joseph, Mo. Janice (Ron) Christmas and J.B. (Janet) Phillippe, Savannah, Mo. several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, Savannah, Mo. or to Hands of Hope Hospice.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.pricefuneralhomemaryville.com.

SENATE: Senators proud of actions, constituents

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from past regent presidents and even past alumni presidents were in support of this change," she said. "Regardless we knew there was a strong possibility of not passing...we respect their decision. It's the actions and treatments from the board that led to student concern."

The resolution also calls for the Student Regent to be present at all closed sessions of the

board and that the regent be allowed to vote on pertinent University issues. Missouri law currently prohibits both points, but senate members believe they can influence developing legislation.

Beason said the proposal had support of students and faculty, "They felt action needed to be taken," she said. "They feel they (the regents) are trying to fly under the radar ... we're trying to voice something that can't be brought up."

In the senate meeting Tuesday night, lasting nearly two hours, Senate debated the tone of the resolution, following constituents' opinions and the role of the senate.

Beason said she was proud with the senate's performance. She also said during the meeting that the senate, in this instance, was representing more than the students but the entire University as well.

The resolution also points that senate members fear the

regents' actions would jeopardize the presidential search committee.

"We feel our University is in danger right now," Beason said.

"I'm proud of the work of our senators ... they are representing the students," said Freeman.

Multiple attempts to contact the regents were made, but no board members have responded to our requests for comment.

On behalf of all the A&G Staff, we want to thank Maryville and the surrounding communities for the outpouring of support during and after our recent fire. We have developed lasting friendships over these past 34 years and are truly humbled by all the kind words and well wishes.

As you may have noticed, we are currently under reconstruction. While there is no set time frame, all the contractors are dedicated to working quickly and efficiently to get the doors open again as soon as possible.

Again, we appreciate everything Maryville has done for us - this would not be possible without such strong community support. We look forward to seeing you when we re-open.

Sincerely,
George, Sue, and Deno Groumoutis



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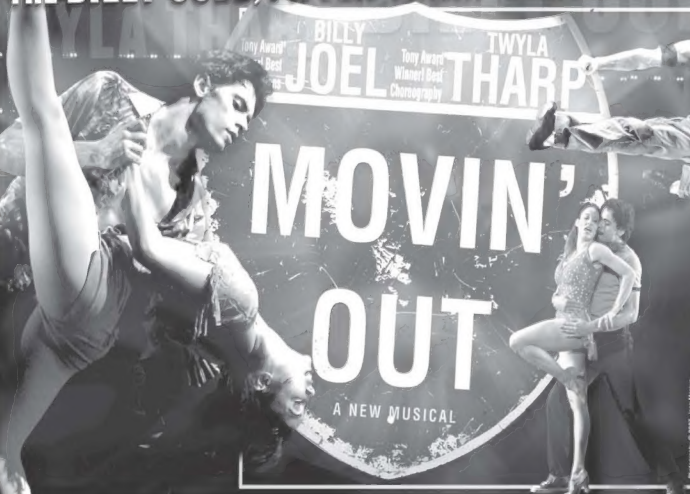
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shooting the breeze

Indecision about wind farm puts hold on North Central agreement

By Lisa Houtchens
University News Editor

The winds of change might not make it to Northwest if officials do not make a decision.

It has been nearly two and a half years since Wind Capital group, from St. Louis, approached Northwest with an opportunity to create a wind farm at the R.T. Wright University Farm.

Since then, the Board of Regents has had a hard time talking about the proposal, due an issue about who owns the farm.

It wasn't until January that the University had secured the land, after discovering that the Northwest Foundation was the legal land owner, Finance Vice President and Support services Ray Courter said.

"The farm has been owned by the foundation for over 30 years, and we have been using it without any lease payments for well over 20 years," Courter said.

Back in September, Wind Capital had a representative give a PowerPoint presentation to the board, giving background information as well as what the project would entail, Courter said.

Even after the presentation the board has tabled the issue at every meeting, making not only Wind Capital wait, but also North Central Community College in Trenton, Mo., That is until the March 18 meeting when Regent Douglas Wyckoff suggested a committee be formed. The committee would examine the issue of the wind farm.

In the minutes from the last

meeting, President Dean Hubbard said "the relationship and cooperative agreement with the North Central Missouri College May be in jeopardy due to the time lag in approving the proposed lease with Northwest Energy Center, enabling the placement of wind turbines on the University farms."

NCMC and Northwest have been in talks over the last few months about creating a new two-year degree involving the technical aspects of the wind turbines.

Assuming that the board does decide to provide the land for the turbines, NCMC and Northwest would devise a partnership involving the wind farm, Associate Provost Douglas Dunham said.

"NCMC is taking the necessary steps to develop an offer for a two year degree in which people would be trained in the background of science and the background of mechanical engineering and technology of the units," Courter said

However nothing can be made final until the board makes a decision.

Project Manager for Wind Capital Eric Chamberlain said the wind farm would be placed on nearly 8,000 acres that would affect approximately 50 land-owners.

The location of the farm would be north of Highway 71 and west of 148.

The amount of wind turbines has yet to be decided at this time; the number of turbines that would be placed on the University farm is also undetermined, Chamberlain said.

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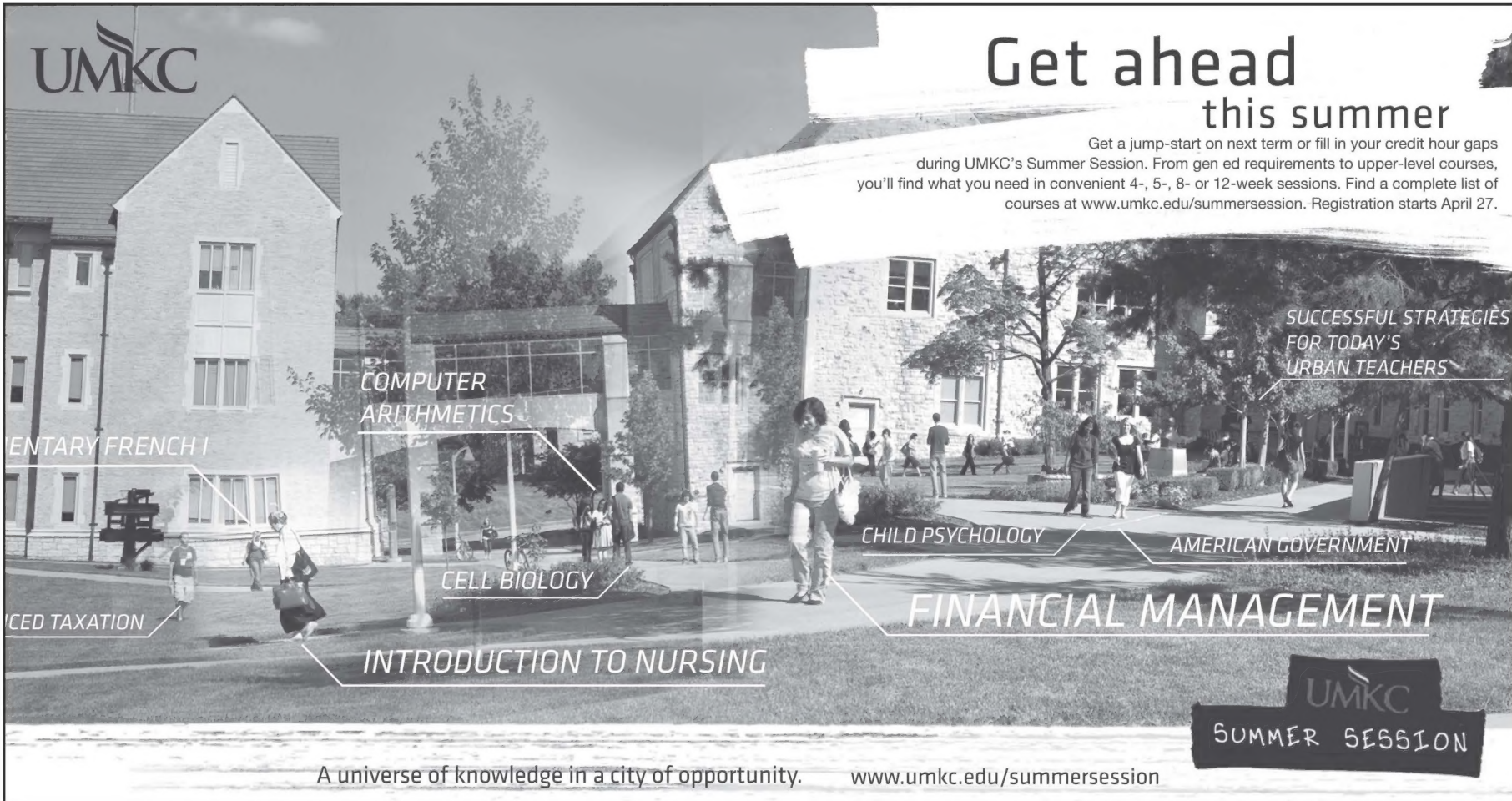


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THAT’S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR

Pressure to conform a constant issue in many friendships

By Sydney Moore
Features Editor

College dorm rooms often hold many things between their walls, laughter and secrets are only the beginning. What some students don't think about, however, is the influence the friends between those walls have on their every-day lives. Freshmen Jordan Stevens, Beth Isaac and Anissa Evans all know the feeling of being persuaded by friends in certain situations. The three friends agree the decisions they make are sometimes based on what their friends will think. "If my friends don't go out and party, then I usually won't," Stevens said. "I won't go without them at all." Comfort plays a large role in the girls' decisions to not go out from time to time. Agreeing with Stevens, Isaac said being used to having your friends by your side sometimes factors into the decision making process.

Smaller decisions aren't the only things these girls have an influence on when it comes to their friends. One of the biggest things most parents worry when they send their teens off to college is the question of whether or not their child will use alcohol, drugs or cigarettes. All three girls agreed their friends have helped them stop using tobacco, even when it isn't that easy. "They both quit smoking the other day and I said I wouldn't even try," Stevens said regarding Isaac and Evans. "So I made a bet with them saying I would try it for a day because it would be easy and since I did that, I'm just going to go ahead and try to quit." When it comes to bigger issues, however, the girls all agree that their views are based on their own beliefs. Topics such as gay marriage and politics aren't part of their every day conversations, but the girls admit they have similar views. Although they said they don't typically discuss these issues,

they do realize if the topic arises no one is right or wrong. Stevens, however, experienced the influence of her friends when it came to gay relationships in high school. Having a close homosexual friend, Stevens was often torn between how to deal with the situation. "When the guys at school would talk about him, all of us girls would kind of go along with it," she said. "But when we were actually around him, we didn't have a problem with it at all." From her high school experience, Stevens learned that her friends played a large role in her thought process, but when it came time to start college, she began making judgments on her own. "Now, I just don't let it affect me at all," she added. Aside from these issues, one thing the girls often discuss is dating. Although they don't always follow the advice given by their friends, the girls agree

the thought of what their friends will think is always in the back of their minds. With two of the three girls disapproving of their friend's current love interest, dating is a hot topic for the group. Although they don't approve, they said they are trying to look past it and be there for their friend. "The thing I always say is to give someone a second chance, never give them a third," Isaac said. "But cool, now we're on the fourth try right here and it kind of gets old," she said. Because of the disapproval, the girls have come to the conclusion that it is easier to avoid discussions of the relationship, rather than continue talking about it with no results. "It's starting to affect me more than it used to because I really want my friends to like who I like," Stevens said. So what is it that drives decisions to be influenced by peers? Carla Edwards, Associate Professor of Psychology, said

young adults and adolescents are influenced for a majority of reasons, which include how people were raised, genetics and the type of situation at hand. Although peer influence can sometimes be noticed, the impact isn't always evident. "Habit is so ingrained that we don't see it as conforming," Edwards said. "The slang we use, the mannerisms, all the behaviors that are so automatic, we don't think about them and they're cultural, and we conform at a cultural level, and young adulthood is definitely a culture, so conforming to people who are like you or within your peer group is a natural, normal part of life." A human need to feel accepted and to belong is another reason Edwards said young adults look to their peers for approval. "You're just kind of searching for some sense of identity and it's very normal," she said. "It's to be expected as you grow into adulthood."

Top 3 picks

By Marshall Carlson
Entertainment Reporter

New album to stores - Rascal Flatts' latest, "Unstoppable," hit shelves on Tuesday. The country giants' latest contains 11 tracks, plus a bonus track, "American Living" if you buy the album from JCPenney. The band consists of Joe Don Rooney on lead guitar and backup vocals, as well as Gary LeVox on lead vocals and Jay DeMarcus on bass, keys, and vocals. "Unstoppable" marks the Columbus, Ohio based Rascal Flatts' sixth studio album since their first release in early 2000. The first single from the album to hit airwaves is the smash hit "Here Comes Good-bye," which proves the guys have continued their success of making great songs and they don't seem to stopping any time soon.

New DVD to stores - Also released on Tuesday was "Yes Man." Jim Carrey ("Bruce Almighty" and "Me, Myself & Irene") stars as Carl Allen, a lonely banker who is currently down on life, shunning off his friends to stay home by himself and watch movies. After he misses his best friend's engagement party, Allen runs into his former co-worker who tells him about a self-help seminar. By persuading Allen to say yes to everything, the seminar changes his life. Shortly after, he offers a homeless man a ride home, which is ultimately the reason he meets Allison (Zoey Deschanel, "Elf"), his soon-to-be girlfriend. After a series of positive experiences as a result of saying "yes," Allen's life is permanently changed for the better.

New TV show this week - The series "Southland" premieres tonight on NBC. "Southland" stars Benjamin McKenzie ("The OC") and Tom Everett Scott ("That Thing You Do") as officers upholding justice in the streets of Los Angeles, Calif. This proves to be difficult because of various reasons. One such reason, at least for Russell Clarke (Scott), is trouble at home with his wife and three kids. "Southland" is a fast-moving drama that will take viewers inside the lives of cops, criminals, victims and their families," according to the producers.

STROLLER

Your Man says no to idiots

I recently had some down time that has allowed me to think about some things I just have to say "no" to.

I composed this list with the hope that everyone will agree and some of them will stop.

Let's put an end to two guys riding a moped together. I see this way too often. It is not OK for two grown men to be that close to each other, under any circumstances.

I guess I could understand emergencies, but both people in that situation should have the brains to think that what they are doing is wrong.

For No. 2 I have to mention the idiots who walk their bikes. Why did you even bring it out if you were just going to push it? Bikes have things called wheels; they get you places faster with less effort. Don't walk them unless you just want to show off your new basket.

I have to say no to drinking orange juice right after brushing your teeth. It's one of the worst tastes ever (besides dog food, but don't ask), and it is completely avoidable. Pick one or the other, hygiene or juice,



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and go with it. They do not make a good team.

This one could upset a lot of you women-folk, but it absolutely drives me crazy. Stop living vicariously through the people in television shows! "The Hills," "The Real Housewives" of wherever, drop it.

Yes, they may really exist, but they do not reflect the reality that the rest of the world lives in. Whether you can admit it or not, there is a difference. Your life will never

be like theirs, nor will their life ever be like yours. Those people are everything that is wrong with our society. I could go on, maybe another time.

Finally, I have to say no to people who listen to music with only one ear bud headphone in. You just look confused. Commit to one or the other.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missouri star.

Chemistry and comedy take audience on an 'emotional ride' through young summer love

"Adventureland" is not necessarily a roller coaster ride, but rather an emotional ride through the tribulations of young romance.

This surprisingly superb romantic comedy will bring you back to the days of summer when you fell in love at a horrible job, which made the summer and even the job seem magical.

The movie follows a college graduate, named Brennan, played by Jesse Eisenberg ("The Village") on his way to graduate school at Columbia when he picks up a summer job at an amusement park, where he meets and falls in love with Em, played by Kristen Stewart

("Twilight").

Unknown to Brennan however, is that Em is having an affair with Ryan Reynolds' ("Van Wilder") character who plays the park mechanic.

With a writer and director like Greg Mottola, the genius behind the soon-to-be comedy classic, "Superbad" at the helm, one is expecting another teen sex comedy. However, Mottola has showed his true talent and capabilities as a writer with a more dramatic and existential film about growing up in a serious way.



Brian Johnson
Entertainment Reporter

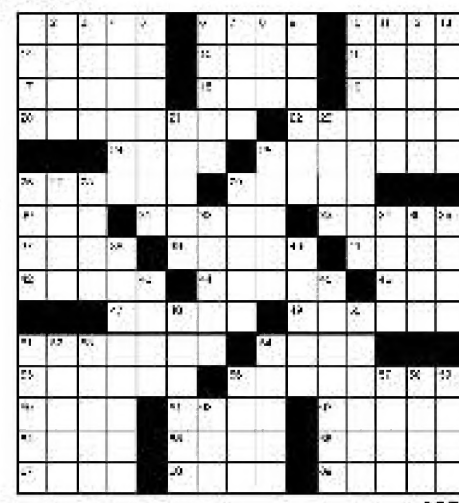
Stewart has developed into a fine actress, but one has to worry that she is only choosing roles that cater to the dramatic troubled teen which accurately describes most of her fans. Her role in this movie is eerily similar to her role in 2007's "In the Land of Women." Not to

demean her capabilities, but her ability to stretch as an actress is yet to be seen.

The true star in this film is Eisenberg. Going into this film one could easily write him off because of Stewart's popularity due to "Twilight" fame. All of that is forgotten once you see

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Mike Anderson, not Bill Self, should have been this year’s NCAA coach of the year

This last week Kansas University’s basketball coach Bill Self won the AP’s coach of the year award for some reason unknown to me.

Self did worse this season than last year; the Jayhawks went 28-7 this season and lost in the Sweet Sixteen. Last year they went 37-3, won the Big 12 regular season, the Big 12 Tournament and this little thing called the National Championship. Self failed to win the coach of the year in 2008.

I understand that Self had five NBA players on his team and had no excuse to do anything but win the National Championship. Also, this year only two players returned to his team and neither of them were starters. But in my defense he is the coach of KU; KU is a school synonymous with college basketball

along with schools like North Carolina, Duke, UCLA and Kentucky. Every year, these five teams have such high expectations a loss in the Sweet Sixteen is almost a failure. Kentucky didn’t make the tournament and its coach was fired. Plus, being one of these schools gives every coach an unfair advantage in recruiting because kids grow up playing basketball in their driveway dreaming of be a Jayhawk or a Tar Heel.

Last year Drake’s Keno Davis won the award and went 28-5 and lost in the first round of the NCAA Tourna-



Dustin Sander
Community Sports Editor

ment. Davis turned the Drake program around in 2007 and the Bulldogs went 17-15. The AP award is historical for coaches that turn programs around or have a great standout season, not for coaches that do worse than the season before when they have unlimited resources for success like Self.

This season I saw only one candidate for the coach of the year: Mike Anderson. Anderson led a Missouri team that hadn’t made the tournament for six years to the Elite Eight. Not to mention, his team went 31-7, much better than its 16-16 record

last year. Anderson also took a team to the Elite Eight without any definite NBA stars; DeMarre Carroll and Leo Lyons may see the show, but you will never see someone wearing a Carroll jersey like you will Sherron Collins.

Anderson revived the Tigers’ program that had been left in shambles by Quinn Snyder. Snyder left Anderson a team under NCAA probation and in a matter of three seasons, the Tigers were dancing again and celebrating their Big 12 Championship.

So let’s look at Anderson’s resume from this season; nearly twice as many wins as last season, taking a team to the Elite Eight, winning the Big 12 Championship and becoming the most wanted coach in the NCAA. If that doesn’t sound like a coach of the year, I don’t know what does.

SPORTS STAFF PICKS

Woody’s picks

Prediction record (20-24)

Most Hated NFL Team

Indianapolis Colts

I don’t buy Peyton Manning’s perfect child act. I heard he exposed himself to a trainer while quarterbacking for the Tennessee Volunteers? The other perfect citizen on that team, Marvin Harrison, has been under investigation for his role in a murder when his custom Belgian pistol was found in a car wash he owns and matched to a murder. I bet Tony Dungy has some skeletons too.

Most Hated MLB Team

Every AL Central Team

This is the Royals’ year. I believe in the hightower!

Most Hated College Team

Kansas Jayhawks

The important thing to remember is that they started this rivalry. Back in the Civil War era, a group of Kansans crossed the border into Missouri and attacked. Our ancestors didn’t take kindly and burned Lawrence, Kan. to the ground. A basketball championship doesn’t seem so hot now does it?

Most Hated Individual Player

Archie Manning

He helped spawn Eli and Peyton.

Brian “The Bulldog’s” picks

Prediction record (18-26)

Most Hated NFL Team

Dallas Cowboys

I don’t know how this team earned the nickname “America’s Team.”

Most Hated MLB Team

Atlanta Braves

The Braves have kind of sucked the last couple years, but I grew up hating this team.

Most Hated College Team

Colorado

Toss up between Mizzou and Colorado, but then I realized MU hasn’t been good long enough for me to really despise them.

Most Hated Individual Player

Shawn Johnson’s Stalker

Yes, not many people know, but stalking has been declared an athletic event. The rise of Facebook has brought the game to a whole new level. But this stalker went old fashion on us. Johnson’s stalker drove cross country to L.A. to get to the gorgeous Johnson. He was found jumping a security fence at “Dancing with the Stars” studio, where Johnson is a contestant. The cops found two loaded guns, rope and love letters from him to Johnson. Who would want to hurt that amazing girl?

Jason’s picks

Prediction record (21-23)

Most Hated NFL Team

New England Patriots

Something about the gray, cut-off hoodie just bothers me. Maybe it’s that or it might just be that I don’t like potential dynasties very much. A 16-0 regular season amidst cheating allegations didn’t boost their standings with me either. At least the Chiefs saved Matt Cassel from the dark side.

Most Hated MLB Team

New York Yankees

I hate the fact that they can just go buy whoever they want. Jeter and A-Fraud are overrated. Steinbrenner should go buy some more respectable guys like he did by picking up Mark Texiera.

Most Hated College Team

Duke Blue Devils

Coach K is a god and for that, I despise him and Duke. They’re the Yankees of college basketball.

Most Hated Individual Player

Tim Tebow

Tebow is NOT a quarterback, he’s a tight end. I wish he wouldn’t get so much hype for being an overachiever. Plus, his girlfriend is drop-dead gorgeous. Stop being so perfect Tim, share the wealth.

Dustin’s picks

Prediction record (28-16)

Most Hated NFL Team

Denver Broncos

This was a pretty tough descison. I couldn’t decide between the Broncos and the Raiders. I hate the Raiders with a passion but the Broncos take the cake. For at least as long as I’ve watched the Chiefs, the Broncos have always given them good games and the Raiders ... well the Raiders just suck.

Most Hated MLB Team

New York Mets

I would have picked the Yankees but they were already taken and I see the Mets in the same light. The Mets are one of the teams that can out and buy every player they want. This year they picked up Francisco Rodriguez and J.J. Putz; what team really needs two all-stars to split the closing role?

Most Hated College Team

Nebraska

Kansas was taken, so the Huskers were my next choice.

Most Hated Individual Player

The Manning Brothers

The Manning Brothers have almost became the same person. Your job is to be an NFL quarterback, not an actor!

MIAA STANDINGS

BASEBALL	MIAA		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Team				
Emporia State (5)	17	3	29	6
UNO (19)	19	5	29	10
Missouri Southern	15	7	23	13
Central Missouri	13	7	21	9
Fort Hays	15	11	23	17
Washburn	8	10	15	16
Missouri Western	8	14	19	19
NORTHWEST	7	13	15	19
Pittsburg State	6	12	9	23
Truman	5	17	8	28
Southwest Baptist	5	19	7	27

SOFTBALL	MIAA		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Team				
Missouri Western (21)	6	0	34	4
Central Missouri	8	0	24	8
Emporia State	5	1	24	9
UNO (22)	4	2	28	7
Pittsburg State	4	2	24	15
Missouri Southern	3	3	13	26
Fort Hays	3	5	21	22
Washburn	2	4	15	22
NORTHWEST	2	8	11	29
Southwest Baptist	1	7	16	26
Truman	0	6	8	21

MENS’ TENNIS	MIAA		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Team				
NORTHWEST (26)	2	0	8	3
Washburn (34)	1	1	5	3
Southwest Baptist	2	1	5	5
Truman	1	2	4	2
Emporia State	0	1	5	3
UNO	0	2	4	6

WOMENS’ TENNIS	MIAA		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Team				
NORTHWEST	4	0	7	2
Washburn	2	0	6	2
UNO	4	1	7	7
Truman	3	1	10	1
Emporia State	1	1	4	3
Southwest Baptist	1	3	4	5
Fort Hays	1	3	4	7
Missouri Southern	0	4	3	4
Missouri Western	0	4	1	7

Stat of the Week:

12- The Maryville High School girls’ track team has won 12 meets in a row. The Spoof-hounds haven’t lost a meet since May of 2007.

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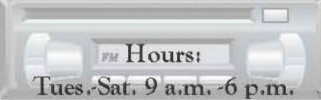
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TRACK AND FIELD

Girls’ winning streak reaches 11, boys’ ahead of last year’s pace

By Christopher Woodland
Sports Editor

Through three meets, the Maryville track teams have embarked on a white-hot streak to their seasons.

At Tuesday’s Nebraska Invitational, each maintained their unbeaten status.

Girls:
Four girls won eight events for the Spoofhounds, as the team finished first for the 12th consecutive meet by scoring 145 team points. Plattsmouth finished second with 130. The girls’ winning streak stretches back the Cardinal Relays in May 2007 and has helped make them winners of 18 of their last

22 meets.
“We’ve always been lucky to have the right combination” girls’ coach Grant Hageman said. “It seems like for a long time we’ve had girls that have the ability to go out and score a bunch of points. When you start racking up five, six, seven points a piece, you get 70 points pretty easily.”

One of those main contributors has been sophomore Taylor Gadbois.

After breaking her own 200 meter school record last weekend at Chillicothe with a 25.91, Gadbois continued her hot streak by winning the 100 and 200 meters with times of 12.7 and 27.1 respectively.

She wasn’t the only girl to turn in a record-breaking performance, though.

Senior Megan Walker retired the 11-year-old school discus mark set by Abbey Lade in 2008. Walker’s 128 foot three inch throw surpassed Lade’s previous mark by one foot and five inches, and earned Walker first place at the meet.

Walker also won the shot-put by throwing 38 feet 10.5 inches.

“Both girls (Walker and Gadbois) work real hard in practice, and hard work pays off,” Hageman said. “They’re both really talented and always striving to be the best. I wouldn’t be surprised if they

continue to break their own record as the weather gets nicer.”

With the sprinting and throwing events claimed by the ‘Hounds, Jordan Stiens proceeded to dominate the hurdles.

She won the 100 and 300 meter hurdles in 14.9 seconds and 47.6 respectively.

Boys:
The boys’ team continued a winning streak of their own this week, as they improved to 3-0 in meets this year.

The ‘Hounds took home six first-place finishes, as they won the Nebraska Invitational by 32 points. Maryville finished with 152 points with Plattsmouth,

Neb. coming in second with 130 points.

The hot start to the year has surpassed head boys’ coach Chris Holt’s expectations so far.

“We’re way ahead of where we were last year at this point,” Holt said. “Our times have been really good and (John) Farmer has already gone over 23 feet in the long jump ... we’re pretty happy right now.”

Senior John Farmer led the way with wins in the 100 and 200-meter dashes, and the long-jump.

Zeke Winans also performed exceptionally at Nebraska City. He finished first in the triple-jump and teamed with Farmer,

Zach Sherry and Clay Mather to win the 4 x 100 meter relay.

The 4x100 team is the fastest the ‘Hounds have put together since Holt’s arrival at Maryville, he said.

Winans also finished second in the long jump.

After beginning the year with only half of last year’s 4 x 400 relay team returning, senior John Schreck came out late to rejoin the team, which placed second on Tuesday.

“It was nice with Schreck coming back out,” Holt said. “We’re still missing Rogers, but Gavin Talmadge has really stepped up. We’ve already ran a 3:33 and we didn’t do that last year until conference season.”

BOYS’ BASEBALL



SPOOFHOUNDS SHORT STOP Nic Mattson attempts a double play in the second inning Wednesday night against Cameron.

GIRLS’ SOCCER

Late corner kick sends Spoofhounds to defeat

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

One late game corner kick kept the Spoofhounds from winning their home opener against Savannah last Friday.

The girls’ soccer team fell 2-1 in double overtime after a corner kick hit the goal post and a Savannah player knocked it into the goal.

“The only thing that could’ve been done there was not leaving anyone open in the box,” head coach Bayo Olujada said. “There was nothing the goal keeper could have done about it. It went in such a way that the girl put the right amount of touch on it to get it in.”

Forward Leah Bostwick scored Maryville’s lone goal in the first half of regulation and the team was able to keep up their intensity throughout, keeping the game close.

“I had told them right from the beginning to keep the pres-

sure on,” Olujada said. “That was what they did so we played much of the game on their half of the field.”

Injuries played a large role in limiting what the ‘Hounds were able to do, Olujada said.

“We would have been much better off,” Olujada said, “but one of our forwards went down not even seven minutes into the game with an ankle injury and didn’t return. We also had two other girls with shin splints. It’s tough when you don’t have all of your players, but we used everyone we had.”

Even though the team lost, there are still things the team can learn, Olujada said.

“As I always tell the girls, it doesn’t matter what the outcome of the game is,” Olujada said. “Whether we win or lose, there is always something to be learned and I hope we learned the need to secure our goal area. I told them that if they give me their best, I will be satisfied with the outcome.

Now, if we win and it’s not their best, I’ll take the win, but I will not be satisfied. Hopefully, we learned something that we can use in the rest of our games.”

Maryville was still limited due to injuries and sickness Tuesday night against Auburn, Neb. High School.

Maryville defeated Auburn 3-0 behind two goals from Kristen Thacker and second-half goal from Jessica From.

The Spoofhounds will try and pick up their first home win tonight when they face St. Joseph Lafayette in the conference opener at 4:30 p.m. at Maryville High School.

The ‘Hounds lost to Lafayette 2-0 in the first game of the season, but Olujada believes they could’ve won the first meeting and should be ready if everyone is healthy.

“It’s a big game,” Olujada said. “We should hold our own with everyone back. This is pay-back time, so to speak.”

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Chris Benham currently rides an eight-game hitting streak. In Tuesday’s night-cap against Truman, Benham hit three-of-four with a pair of doubles and RBIs. Benham added a hit, and an additional two RBIs in the first game of the double-header. The ‘Cats won both of those games 12-4 in the first and 10-4 in the second.

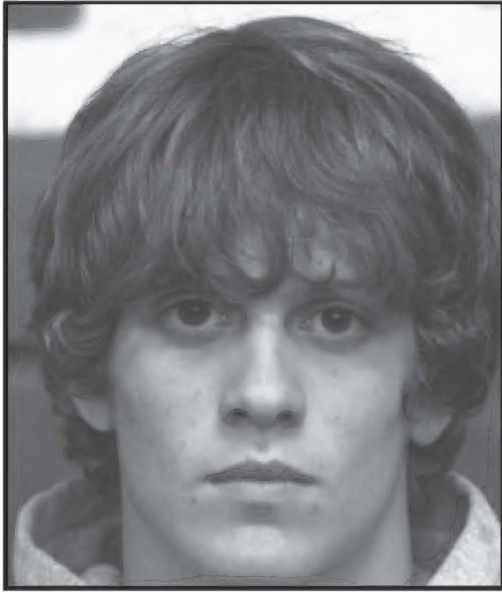
Chris Benham

Bridget Kleine



Kleine won two of the Bearcats’ 20 events at the Jock’s Nitch Northwest Open. She won the 400-meter run in 59.96 seconds and the 200-meter run in 25.69 seconds. She contributed strongly to the 208 team points in helping the Bearcats win the women’s title by more than 20 points over second place Truman State University.

NORTHWEST



Farmer won three individual events, and helped the 4x100 meter relay team on their way to a first place finish at the Nebraska City Invitational. He won the 100 and 200 meter dashes, as well as the long jump. Farmer has already surpassed the 23-foot mark for long jump this year, and is one of seven seniors to lead the ‘Hounds.

John Farmer

MARYVILLE HIGH

Taylor Gadbois



Taylor Gadbois broke her own 200 meter mark from last year. She broke a 31-year old record in the 200 meter last Spring by running 26.16, and eclipsed that mark with a 29.51 at Chillicothe last weekend. She also ran a 12.75 that day in the 100 meters. She followed that performance by running a 12.7 100 at the Nebraska City Invite.

MARYVILLE HIGH

TENNIS



photo by christopher woodland | sports editor

Daniel Usieto returns a serve against William Jewell on Tuesday. Northwest defeated William Jewell 9-0.

Tennis coach earns 800th win at Northwest

By A.J. Martin
Missourian Reporter

When you think of all time wins among Northwest coaches, Mel Tjeerdsma, or Steve Tappmeyer likely come to mind. However, tennis coach Mark Rosewell has quietly climbed to the top of this list.

Rosewell, collected his 800th win as a Bearcat last Friday, making him the winningest coach in Northwest history. He has 914 career coaching victories in 27 years of being a collegiate coach. Even though he has reached quite a milestone Rosewell is still very humble about this great achievement.

"It feels great, I guess that's what I tell everyone, but I have just been blessed to be allowed to coach for this long and also have the caliber of players that I have had in my coaching career," Rosewell said.

The players are also excited they could participate in helping Rosewell achieve his 800th victory. Sophomore Svijit Seghal commented on his coach's milestone.

"It feels really good to just be involved with an achieve-

ment like this," Seghal said. "He is a great coach and it is great for our program to get this recognition."

The 800th win came last Friday when the men's team defeated Emporia State 8-1, adding another win to their five game win streak. The women also gathered two victories that same day. The first win came against Fort Hays in the afternoon match-up before they went on to beat Emporia in the last match by a score of 7-2.

However, on Saturday both squads saw their winning streaks grind to halt. Washburn's women, ranked 43rd nationally came in and stole the match from the 'Cats by a score of 5-4.

The men jumped out to an early 2-1 lead, only to see the lead falter as Washburn took all six singles match competitions. Felipe Gennari lost a three-set match to Simon Blondin, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4. Calvin Patterson also dropped his supertie-breaker match to Washburn's Simon Blondin by scores of 6-4, 5-7, 10-7. The 28th ranked Northwest men had won five consecutive matches as well as six straight in conference play dating back to last

season.

However, after the tough conference loss, both squads bounced back to rout William Jewell, with the men winning 9-0 and the women handling the Lady Cardinals 7-2.

The victories came at a crucial time in the season, with MIAA championships rapidly approaching; both squads want to go in with a full head of steam. Junior Felipe Gennari commented on the importance of having the momentum leading into important weeks to come.

"I know I have a lot to work on in the next few weeks, basically getting my serves where I want them and making sure my backhand and forehand are accurate," Gennari said. "Also trying to fight the elements will be another key, I want to get more comfortable in playing in the wind since it has been quite windy here the last few weeks."

The 'Cats have a few more matches coming up before the all important MIAA tournament. The men and women both travel to Kirksville on Saturday to face Truman State. Matches start at 3:30.

FOOTBALL: Young hopefuls

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we can't live entirely on that, but we did some pretty good things."

Redshirt freshman Cody Johnson will play a vital part of next year's offensive line, Tjeerdsma said. Johnson missed the first half of spring practice due to injury.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Tyler Herl is fighting for a job after the 'Cats lost two-year starter Joel Osborn. Herl connected on two long touchdown passes to Jake Soy and Tyler Shaw during the spring game.

"I've got a lot respect for him, Tjeerdsma said. "He had to play scout team last year because he was our fourth quarterback and that's tough for a guy that's always looking for a spot. He went out every day and did a great job with the scout team and it's really paid off for him."

This fall, the offense will

look different from last year, but Tjeerdsma knows what the offense must improve on.

"A lot of our success is going to be dealing with how we handle things mentally," Tjeerdsma said. "Our quarterbacks have got to be smart, we can't let defenses get in a rhythm. I love what we're doing offensively, I think we're doing a lot of different things to change up and keep the defense off balance and if we continue to do that and continue to learn, I think this team has a chance to do pretty well."

With spring ball over, the 'Cats will not hold a full practice until August, but plan to make the best of the time between.

"We're going to have to keep getting better even though this is the end of the spring," Paddock said. "We've got 130 days until Abilene and it's not as much time as it sounds."

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to allow just those two runs and strike out five in 5.1 innings worth of work.

"He didn't have his best stuff today, but he battled through. I think he'll be the first one to tell you that," head coach Darin Loe said. "He just wasn't as sharp as he was last time, but a credit to him, he came out and battled today and ended up getting the win."

Northwest accumulated 24 hits in the two-game Truman series.

Stice led the way at the plate for the 'Cats. He hit four-of-eight, with three runs and three RBIs for the series.

Second baseman Bryan Picard and third baseman Jeremiah Biggar played large roles as well. Each totaled three RBIs for the series, with Biggar sending all three in the first game of the series, before relinquishing

his third base duties back to Disselhoff.

One reason for the increased activity at the plate could come from a more aggressive attack.

"The biggest thing was guys stepping up and hitting early in the count," Loe said. "(In the past) we've been tentative early in the count, and let the pitcher get ahead of us, and then we're trying to drive in runs with two strikes on us."

Northwest has now won five of its last seven games after dropping eight of 10.

"For about three weeks now we've just been battling and not coming up with that big hit and struggling offensively," Loe said. "Finally today we created an inning for ourselves and hit the ball hard and drove in some runs."

Northwest plays UNO in a four-game series with start times of 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at Bearcat Field.

BASEBALL SEASON STATS

Northwest		Opponents
7.91	HITS/Game	8.73
4.76	RUNS/Game	5.5
.258	BATTING AVE.	.276
16	HOME RUNS	28
67	ERRORS	57
4.12	RBIs/Game	5.03
.331	ON BASE %	.410
5.85	Pitchers' Ks/9	7.66
4.91	Pitchers' ERA	3.66

SEASON LEADERS

Batting Average	ERA
1.) .324 Trevor Conner	1.) 2.19 Trevor Theisman
2.) .319 Chris Benham	2.) 3.68 Jacob Kemper
3.) .291 Jared Erspamer	3.) 3.72 Bret Harvel

Home Runs	Strikeouts
1.) 4 Brandon Kirsch	1.) 34 Bret Harvel
2.) 3 Creed Kurtz, Bill Disselhoff, Nick Pfeiffer	2.) 23 Christian Dekker
	3.) 21 Bill Disselhoff

RBIs	Stolen Bases
1.) 16 Jared Erspamer and Creed Kurtz	1.) 19 Matt Stice
	2.) 9 Chris Benham

SOFTBALL SEASON STATS

Northwest		Opponents
7.08	HITS/Game	8.48
3.64	RUNS/GAME	5.48
.264	BATTING AVE.	.312
25	HOME RUNS	49
59	ERRORS	39
131	RBIs/Game	4.93
.327	ON BASE %	.370
4.51	Pitchers' Ks/9	6.09
4.54	Pitchers' ERA	2.65

SEASON LEADERS

Batting Average	ERA
1.) .359 Tiffany Carter	1.) 3.96 Cola Krueger
2.) .308 Casey Carper	2.) 4.43 Nicole Ackelson
3.) .273 Erin Leslie	3.) 5.58 Kelsey Resa

Home Runs	Strikeouts
1.) 8 Tiffany Carter	1.) 76 Cola Krueger
2.) 3 Jennifer Bohle and Amber Corkins	2.) 34 Kelsey Resa
	3.) 20 Nicole Ackelson

RBIs	Stolen Bases
1.) 37 Tiffany Carter	1.) 8 Two tied

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NW TRACK

'Cats win 20 events in biggest home meet this year

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The men's and women's track teams claimed the team titles on Saturday at the Northwest Open. Bearcat athletes won 20 of the 39 events on a windy day at the Herschel Neil Track against athletes from four other schools, including MIAA conference foe Nebraska-Omaha.

"The team's been competing well at every meet we've gone to," head coach Scott Lorek said. "We had some break-through performances, but I think people just mainly did what they were supposed to do."

The women scored 208 team points, led by Emily Churchman's 25. She won the long jump and pro-

visionally qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships by finishing second in the 100-meter hurdles.

"She's competing well in a lot of areas," Lorek said. "She's doing a lot of things well and starting to put it all together. The best thing is that she's very consistent in all her events."

Johanna Avilez, Tierney Eaton and Audrey Bailey also provisionally qualified on Saturday. Avilez won the 100-meter hurdles in 15.15 seconds and Eaton won the high jump with a jump of five feet, six inches. Bailey finished second in the 400-meter hurdles to attain the qualifying mark.

Bridget Kleine won the 200 and 400-meter dashes in 25.69 and 59.96 seconds, while Anna O'Brien (1500-meter run, four minutes, 54.73 sec-

onds), Rachel Lewis (100-meter dash, 12.68 seconds), Mary Jantz (5000-meter run, 19 minutes, 26.89 seconds) and the 4x100-meter relay team also collected victories on the track. Amy Hugunin and Kate Walter finished off the Bearcat champions by winning the javelin (114 meters, one inch) and hammer throws (157 meters, one inch), respectively.

"We have a lot of depth on our team," Lorek said. "We had a lot of people competing really well and just out-gunned some other teams in terms of numbers."

The men's team contributed seven individual champions and two relay wins to the effort. Tyler Shaw (110-meter hurdles, 15.09 seconds), Jimmy Greisbach (400-meter dash,

50.23 seconds), John Miles (100-meter dash, 10.6 seconds), Zane Myers (400-meter hurdles, 55.37 seconds), Kevin Okonta (200-meter dash, 22.05 seconds) and Trevor Johannsen (5000-meter run, 15 minutes, 54.38 seconds) also won events on the track and Ben McKim highlighted the field side of things by winning the shot put and provisionally qualifying for the NCAA Championships with a throw of 55 meters, three and a half inches.

"I think it was a good boost for our guys," Lorek said. "For them to have a real good meet like that is good and I think we had several breakthroughs on the men's side."

The team will participate split-squad events this week at Emporia State and in Des Moines



EMILY CHURCHMAN COMPETES in the women's long jump Saturday morning during the Jock's Nitch Northwest Open at Herschel Neil Track. Churchman won the event with a jump of 5.31 meters and took the overall women's individual title with 25 points.

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NW FOOTBALL

THE GREEN MACHINE IS BACK

By Dustin Sander
Community Sports Editor

Tuesday evening the Bearcats took to the field for their annual spring scrimmage.

The scrimmage marks an end to the spring practice season for the 'Cats and the opportunity for younger players to prove they deserve a starting role.

This was an inter-squad scrimmage dividing the teams between the offense, wearing white, and the defense, wearing green.

"It's more laid back than usual," senior defensive end

Sean Paddock said. "We play against these guys everyday so everyone knows each other and the guy they're playing against."

The scrimmage gave veteran players and coaches a chance to see hopeful starters and next year's team as a whole.

"It's as good of a scrimmage as we've had since I've been here," Paddock said. "There were a lot of young guys flying around making plays and it's always good to see that happening ... We saw a lot of guys competing; a lot of guys wanting to make some plays and earn some spots."

That's what we've got to have to keep competing at the level we have been."

The most questionable area of the Northwest team is the offensive line. The 'Cats lost four starters who have controlled the offensive line for the past three seasons. Coach Mel Tjeerdsma saw a lot of promise in the young offensive line Tuesday.

"We're coming; we're a work in progress," Tjeerdsma said. "I thought they did a pretty good job today. We helped them a little bit, we threw a lot of three step stuff but I don't know that

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NW BASEBALL

'Cats increase winning streak to four games

By Christopher Woodland
Sports Editor

Four straight games scoring five runs or more, while not allowing their opponents to bag more than four, gave the Bearcats a much-needed four-game winning streak.

Northwest swept its two game series with Truman on Tuesday and won the final two against Augustana over the weekend to improve to 15-19 for the season, and 7-13 against MIAA opponents. The 'Cats have now won four in a row and five of their last seven.

"Everything's clicking," short stop Matt Stice said. "Usually with us, it's either the pitching's there and the hitting is not, or the pitching's there but the defense isn't. Right now everything's just clicking and we're playing some solid baseball and everyone's doing the things they need to do."

Trailing 4-2 at the beginning of the sixth inning against Truman, the 'Cats' offense awoke and rode the snowball effect to an eight run inning.

In a half of an inning, the game transformed from a possible Bulldog victory into a Bearcat route.

"I really wish I knew (what happened)," Stice said. "When I was up to bat, I was just trying to hit the ball and get the guy in. Luckily it went around the fence and I got a double. One thing we always talk about is snowballing. When you do some things, they tend to build on each other. Today our hitting just snowballed. We just kept hitting and hitting and hitting and scored eight runs. It's crazy."

Third baseman Bill Disselhoff began the sixth with a single to left, and worked around the bases on a passed ball and a pair of Bulldog errors for the inning's first run. One of the errors allowed teammate Brandon Kirsch to climb aboard with no outs.

After that, Trevor Conner and Stice doubled to bring runs home (Conner scored on Stice's double), outfielder Chris Benham and first baseman Jared Erspamer reached base on singles, and Jon Henne Jr. reached on a single, which brought up Disselhoff for the second time in the inning, with two outs.

Disselhoff hit a two RBI single up the middle to score Erspamer and Henne Jr., and Kirsch finished the scoring with an RBI triple.

The first game of that series didn't require such a dynamic inning.

The 'Cats jumped out to a 4-0 lead after one inning and never allowed Truman to catch up.

The last time Disselhoff started a game as pitcher, he played the complete game and gave up just one run. He wouldn't have that same magic in the first game against Truman, but his performance would earn him his third win of the season.

Disselhoff gave up a pair of runs in the second inning, but regained his composure

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Who to Watch

Tyler Herl

Ht. 6'2"
Wt. 210
Class Sophomore
Position QB

"He went out everyday and did a great job with the scout team and it's really paid off for him."
- Mel Tjeerdsma

Cody Johnson

Ht. 6'3"
Wt. 270
Class Sophomore
Position OL

"He's going to be an intragual part of the o-line."
- Mel Tjeerdsma

Brian Shannon

Ht. 5'10"
Wt. 185
Class Junior
Position WR
2008 Stats

Rec. 23
Yds. 280
TD 4
Long 43

Jake Soy

Ht. 6'3"
Wt. 205
Class Sophomore
Position WR
2008 Stats

Rec. 10
Yds. 140
TD 1
Long 23